



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting
the **COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION** to:

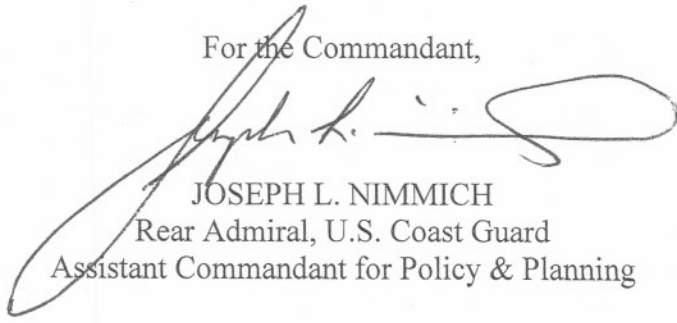
THE COAST GUARD CUTTERS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from January 2004 to March 2006 in providing valuable music and entertainment for numerous Coast Guard functions. The Coast Guard Cutters, formed in 1994, volunteering time to provide "big band" musical lunchtime entertainment for the benefit of personnel at Coast Guard Headquarters, has grown in reputation and is now in great demand to perform for official Coast Guard functions in the Washington, D.C. area as well as for Department of Transportation and Department of Defense special events. The Cutters performed admirably from 2004 through March 2006 for the following distinguished events: the annual Coast Guard Ball, the Commandant's State of the Coast Guard Address and Luncheon, the Department of Defense Joint Services Open House as well as the Holiday Concerts in the Coast Guard Headquarters cafeteria in conjunction with the Headquarters Chorus. Additionally, the Coast Guard Cutters Combo continued a tradition of entertaining at the annual Secretary of Transportation's Holiday Reception. In the aftermath of the terrible devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, the Coast Guard Cutters helped organize a fund raiser in support of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. At a special concert at Coast Guard Headquarters the Cutters raised \$5000 for CGMA's hurricane relief effort, all of which directly benefited displaced Coast Guard families! The Cutters' performances at these events have been greatly appreciated by all who attended and have generated enthusiastic praise from Coast Guard members and friends of the Coast Guard alike. The Cutters outstanding musicianship and devotion of time and effort to ensuring the success of the events at which they perform make them truly outstanding ambassadors for the Coast Guard. Through their tireless efforts, the Coast Guard Cutters have provided glowing recognition for our Service and the Department of Homeland Security through voluntary service. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by the members of the Coast Guard Cutters are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

For the Commandant,



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